

8. These sixty-three MARurs¹ were
 worthy of
 sacrifice, nourishing thy vigour like cows
 gathered
 together; we come to thee, do thou
 grant us our
 portion; so will we produce strength
 in thee by
 this offering.

9. Thy sharp bow, the host of *Maruis*,
 and thy
 thunderbolt who, Indra, has ever
 withstood ? The
Asuras are weaponless and abandoned
 by the gods,
 drive them away by thy discus, O
Ityishin?

10. Send forth an excellent
 hymn to great
 (INBRA), the strong, mighty, and most
 fortunate,
 (that lie may prosper) my cattle ; utter
 many praises
 to INDRA who is borne by praise,³ may he
 speedily
 give much wealth to me.

11. Send forth thy praise to mighty
 IOTEA who is
 borne by hymns, as (a sailor sends a
 traveller) in a
 ship across the rivers; bring to me by
 thy rites that

¹ *Trili* *SJiasJitih* would properly
 mean ' thrice sixty,' but
 Sayana takes it expressly as sixty-
 three, and explains it by
 adding that there were nine companies of
 the Haruts, each com-
 posed of seven. The White Yajur Yeda,
 17. 81-86 (cf. 39. 7),
 gives six companies of seven each; and
 Sayana in his Comm. on
 Taitt. Samh. i. 5. 11, where he quotes ii.
 2. 5, (*saptagana vai*

Mdruiali) similarly gives the same number (42), but with apparently differing names; he adds however, "the other gana is to be sought in another sakha." Here he quotes five ganas from the Samhita, iv. 6. 5; a sixth, he says, is found in a *Khila* or supplementary portion, and the three ganas remaining to make up the total of 63 he takes from the Taitt. Jiranyaka, iv. 24, 25.

² Cf. Tiii. 86. 4.

³ Cf. i. 30. 5; 61. 4.